

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 2015 International Day of Radiology and recognizing and honoring Children's National Health System and its Division of Diagnostic Imaging and Radiology for their invaluable contributions to improving pediatric radiology on behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia.

WELCOME TO SCENIC PEARLAND,
TEXAS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pearland, Texas for earning a Gold Level Scenic City Certification. Pearland residents already know how beautiful this city is, and we are proud that everybody across Texas agrees.

Scenic Texas, a non-profit organization, awarded the Gold Level Scenic City Certification to Pearland for five years. The organization took note of Pearland's beautiful landscapes, tree-lined streets, and dedication to cultural arts. This certification further demonstrates Pearland's commitment to improving the quality of life for its residents. We are extremely proud of this growing city.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations to Pearland. Thank you for keeping our little piece of Texas beautiful.

TRIBUTE TO JOE AND DOROTHY
HILDRETH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joe and Dorothy Hildreth of Underwood, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe and Dorothy were married in 1965.

Joe and Dorothy's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Brenda and Pam, along with their grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family nothing but the best moving forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SANTA
MONICA HEALTH CENTER RUN
BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD LOS
ANGELES

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Santa Monica Health Center run by Planned Parenthood Los Ange-

les. The Santa Monica Health Center, which is located in the heart of the 33rd Congressional District, serves more than twenty thousand of my constituents every year.

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles has provided high-quality and affordable health services for fifty years, including reproductive health care, cancer screenings, sex education, and health counseling. Thanks to their consistent commitment to patient care, they are now the largest private provider of reproductive health services in Los Angeles County. Planned Parenthood clinics are particularly essential to the health of young, disadvantaged, and low-income patients.

I am inspired by the tireless dedication and exceptional skill shown by the Santa Monica Health Center's employees, volunteers, and champions. Since its inception, the Santa Monica Health Center has worked to preserve and defend the reproductive rights of all Angelenos. By ensuring access to reproductive care, they have steadfastly protected their patients' autonomy and future opportunities.

The Santa Monica Health Center's clinicians and patient advocates earned our deepest thanks, recognition, and support. I urge my colleagues to join me in commending them for their years of service to the residents of the 33rd District.

HONORING NELSON SHANKS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, from presidents to popes to princesses, Nelson Shanks painted them all.

An internationally renowned portrait artist, he called my district of Bucks County home—painting some of his most iconic works in his studio in Andalusia, Bensalem.

Throughout his decades-long career, Shanks served on the faculty of several prominent art organizations, including the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Academy of Design before founding Studio Incamminati in Philadelphia. Celebrated for his adherence to Realism, he was a recipient of the Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement by the Portrait Society of America.

While Shanks once remarked that "If you can see it, and if you know your color, you can paint it," there is no doubt that his masterpieces far exceeded the simplicity he stated.

Nelson Shanks passed away at the end of August, but his legacy lives on in the timeless works of art around the globe.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND EMOGENE
KAUFMAN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate John and Emogene Kaufman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 16, 1950 at the First Christian Church

in Council Bluffs, where they have remained members.

John and Emogene's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, John and Susan, their grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. I commend this devoted couple on their 65th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF LONG
BEACH BRANCH OF NAACP

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Long Beach Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this week. Since its founding in 1940, the NAACP has been at the forefront of the fight to protect the civil rights of all Americans. The mission statement of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination in the United States. It has done so by advocating for and influencing the passage of numerous pieces of landmark legislation including the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. It has also been a forceful voice behind numerous court decisions that have set our nation's course on civil rights.

The NAACP has had a presence in Long Beach, CA since 1940 and has done much to advance the cause of civil rights for the city's residents. Before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Los Angeles County was similar to many segregated counties throughout the nation and African-American residents in the county experienced racial discrimination in all aspects of their lives. The NAACP was central in the fight to combat these injustices and worked over the following decades to expand voter participation, legally challenge the segregated school system, and bring the equality of opportunity to Long Beach. Today, the Long Beach Branch of the NAACP sponsors many award winning programs and projects, such as the Community Impact Program, which promotes academic excellence, social responsibility, leadership, and community service. Since its founding, the Long Beach Branch has been recognized over 20 times with the prestigious Thalheimer Awards, the National NAACP's top award given to branches for outstanding achievements. The Long Beach Branch NAACP has also been recognized as one of the best NAACP branches in California. This success is thanks in no small part to the NAACP, which has always resolutely placed them in the vanguard of the struggle for equality.

Despite all that has been accomplished over the years, the mission and goals of the NAACP remains an ongoing journey. Racial profiling remains a pervasive policy in both the workplace and in many police departments all over the country; inequities in the criminal justice system continue to overwhelmingly impact African Americans; and, threats to voter access continue to gain traction in certain areas